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SUBJECT: PRINCE SULTAN'S COMMENTS ON SAUDI-IRAQI RELATIONS

REF: BAGHDAD 0857, DECEMBER 9, 1974.

1. DURING MEETING WITH PRINCE SULTAN, SATURDAY, JANUARY 4, AND
IN CONTEXT OF REGIONAL LEFTIST MEDIA ATTACKS ON SAUDI ARABIA,
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THE PRINCE REFERRED TO IRAQ'S CONTINUING ATTACKS ON SAUDI

ARABIA. WHILE GRANTING THAT BAGHDAD RADIO AS SUCH MAY BE SAID TO HAVE CURBED ITS OWN VOCIFEROUS ATTACKS ON SAUDI ARABIA AND KING FAISAL, SULTAN SAID THE FACT THAT THE IRAQI GOVERNMENT STILL PERMITS THE SO-CALLED CLANDESTINE RADIO STATION "ARABIAN PENINSULA" (NEAR BASRA) TO AIR SUCH ATTACKS ON THE SAUDI REGIME AMOUNTS TO IRAQI COLLUSION IN THE AFFAIR. FURTHERMORE, IRAQI-CONTROLLED PRESS IN BEIRUT CONTINUES ITS ATTACKS UNABATED.

2. SULTAN SAID HE AND OTHERS HAD BROUGHT MATTER TO FAISAL'S ATTENTION WITH RECOMMENDATIONS THAT SAUDI ARABIA RETALIATE IN KIND, "WHICH WE CAN EASILY DO", BUT THE KING WAS FIRMLY AGAINST SUCH MEASURES WHICH WOULD BE "UNDIGNIFIED" AND WHICH WOULD IMPLY THAT SAUDI ARABIA WAS SERIOUSLY DISTURBED BY UNFOUNDED ALLEGATIONS AND ABUSE EITHER FROM IRAQ DIRECTLY OR WITH THE GOI'S CONNIVANCE. SULTAN ADDED HE AND OTHERS IN THE CABINET THEN SAW THE WISDOM OF FAISAL'S ATTITUDE.
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